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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIRLINES' MOVE TO CDG AIRPORT

REF: PARIS 4468; B) PARIS 4669; C) PARIS 4668

BRUSSELS FOR FAA

1. AS REPORTED IN REF A, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PARIS AIRPORT AUTHORITY HAS INFORMED PANAM OF HIS "DECISION" THAT ALL PANAM FLIGHTS "WILL BE TRANSFERRED" TO CDG AIRPORT EFFECTIVE MARCH 13. SUBSEQUENT LETTER FROM GRIMAUD (REF B) IS WORDED A BIT MORE EQUIVOCALLY ON THAT SCORE, THOUGH GRIMAUD IS SPEAKING FOR SGAC AND NOT FOR PARIS AIRPORT AUTHORITY. HENCE, SOME UNCERTAINTY PERSISTS OVER HOW BINDING ABOVE "DECISION" IS MEANT TO BE IN ITS PRACTICAL APPLICATION.

2. RAUSCHENPLAT OF PANAM INFORMS US THAT THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY DOUBT IN HIS MIND THAT FRENCH WOULD NOT DARE PREVENT CONTINUED PANAM SERVICE INTO ORLY AFTER MARCH 13, THOUGH HE ADMITS THAT QUESTION OF CONTINUED OPERATIONS FROM ORLY AFTER MARCH 13 DEADLINE HAS NOT BEEN ADDRESSED DIRECTLY IN HIS TALKS WITH

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PARIS AIRPORT AUTHORITY AS ALTERNATIVE TO PANAM

FAILURE MOVE ITS OPERATIONS TO CDG AIRPORT ON TIME.
YET HOWEVER SLIGHT THE CHANCES MIGHT BE THAT FRENCH
CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES WOULD PRECIPITATE CRISIS IN
THEIR RELATIONS WITH PANAM AND WITH USG BY SUCH
ACTION, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO BE
ARMED WITH CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE IN EVENT PARIS
AIRPORT AUTHORITY OR SGAC EVEN THREATENS ENFORCING
TERMINATION OF PANAM OPERATING RIGHTS AT ORLY BEFORE
PANAM IS PREPARED OPERATE FROM CDG.

3. CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE INFORMS US THAT THERE HAS BEEN
NO REACTION THUS FAR TO FOREIGN MINISTRY LETTER
TO SGAC (REF C).

4. RAUSCHENPLAT HAS RECEIVED TELEX FROM PANAM HEAD-
QUARTERS INDICATING PANAM WILL DELAY MOVE TO CDG
UNTIL SATISFIED WITH CONNECTING SERVICES; WILL REQUIRE
AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS TO CARRY OUT MOVE BEFORE
COMMENCING CDG OPERATIONS; AND INDICATING THAT PANAM
HEADQUARTERS PLANS RAISE CDG QUESTION WITH DEPT. IN
LIGHT OF COMMITMENT MADE DURING
BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. SINCE WE HAD SUGGESTED TO
RAUSCHENPLAT HE MIGHT BE WELL ADVISED SUSPEND POLEMICS
WITH GOF UNTIL WE SEE WHETHER FOREIGN MINISTRY ABLE
TO STIR UP ANYTHING, HE IS DEFERRING RESPONSE ALONG
ABOVE LINES TO GRIMAUD LETTER UNTIL FEB. 27.

6. RCAA HAS APPOINTMENT DISCUSS CDG QUESTION WITH
GRIMAUD MARCH 1 AM.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE AS SUGGESTED PARA 2
ABOVE, FOR USE AT EMBASSY'S DISCRETION IF NEEDED, IS
REQUESTED.
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